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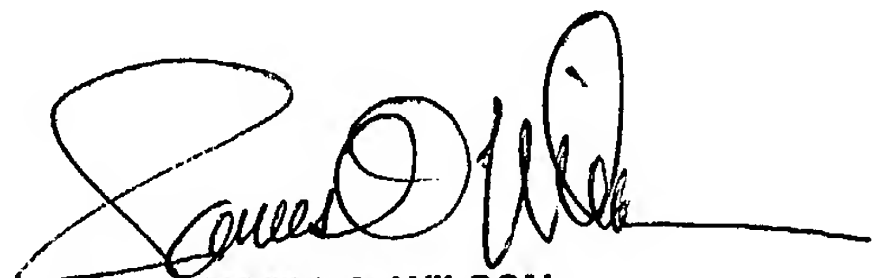
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1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
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(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
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  - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
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  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
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6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
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**Re:** U.S. Patent Application No. 10/073,357  
Inventors: Fanie Retief Van Heerden et al  
Filed: February 13, 2002  
For: *Pharmaceutical Compositions Having Appetite Suppressant Activity*  
Group Art Unit: 1623  
Examiner: D. Khare  
Our Reference: 060616.5001-02-US

Per Erich Veitenheimer's conversation with Examiner Devesh Khare, attached are copies of the Certificate of Transmission under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. 1.138 previously transmitted on June 24, 2004. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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	Application Number: 10/073,357	Filed: February 13, 2002
	For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS HAVING APPETITE SUPPRESSANT ACTIVITY	
	Group Art Unit: 1623	Examiner: Devesh Khare

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Erich E. Veitenheimer

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